Product Manager Soldier Clothing & Individual Equipment

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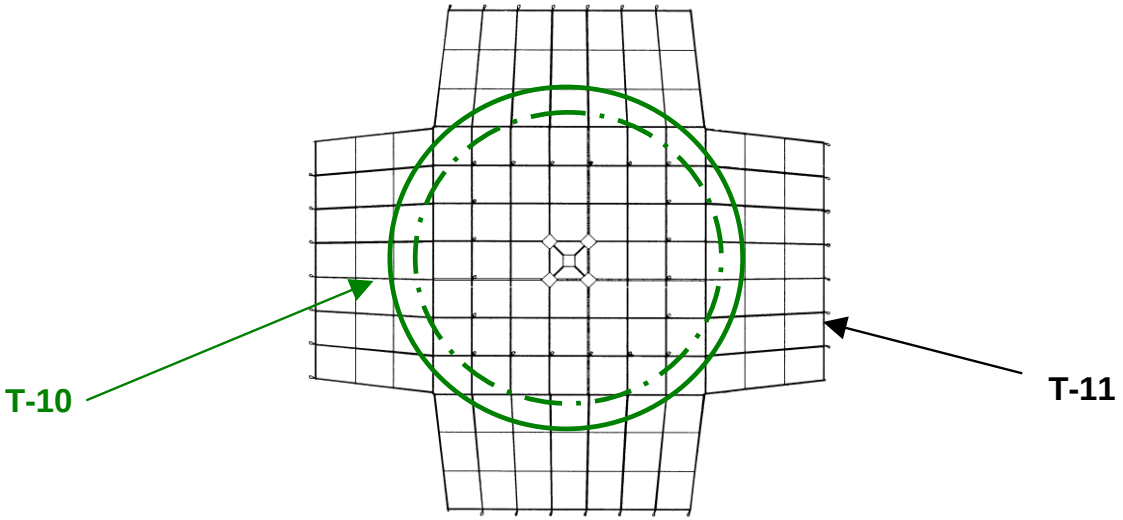
Agenda

- T-11 Parachute Overview
- Canopy Size: T-11 vs. T-10
- T&E Overview
- Current Status
- Lifecycle Evaluation

T-11 Parachute Overview

- T-11 system includes:
  - T-11 Main Canopy Assembly
  - T-11 Reserve Canopy Assembly
  - T-11 Harness Assembly
  - Deployment bag (T-11), pack tray, and universal static line with curved pin
- Capable of supporting 400 lbs Total Jumper Weight
- System weight: 52 lbs
- Limited to operation in winds of 13 knots at surface
- Major End Item - Supply Class: VII
- 16.5 year Age Life per TB 43-0002-43 (4.5yr Shelf Life +12yr Service Life)
- Compatible with all current U.S. military aircraft

Canopy Size: T-11 vs. T-10



Physical Characteristics	T-10	T-11	% increase
Main Canopy Surface Area (square ft)	1300	1670	28
Main Canopy Inflated Diameter (ft)	26.9	30.6	14

System	T-10	T-11
Main (lb)	31	37
Reserve (lb)	14	15
Total system (lb)	45	52

7lb increase

Test & Evaluation Overview

- Developmental Testing: Aug 01 – Jan 08
  - Over 229 required live jumps and over 229 reserve jumps (mannequin)
  - Main canopy redesign to slip canopy and CRA change from 3-ring release to Capewell
- Operational Testing: Feb 08 – Oct 08
  - 3,289 total jumps required to achieve reliability of .9993 at 90% confidence
    - 3,646 OT jumps completed (1,821 with combat equipment)
    - Exceeded reliability - .9994 at 90% confidence
  - Certified for C-130, C-17, CASA-212, and rotary-winged aircraft
    - Completed C-17 Multi-Ship missions: Lower rate of collision and entanglement rate than T-10
  - Certified for high altitude, basic hot, basic cold, and water landing environments
- Safety Confirmation: Mar 09
- Full Materiel Release: Jun 09
- CARP Data Published: Jun 09

Current Status

- Currently in Full Rate Production
  - Production contracts expire 30 Sep 2014
  - Need to field remaining 2,067 T-11s to 1/507th PIR
- Significantly lowered injuries
  - From Jun 2010 – Aug 2013 at Fort Bragg:
    - T-10: of 105,402 jumps, 968 injuries = **9.1 injuries / 1,000 jumps**
    - T-11: of 25,345 jumps, 133 injuries = **5.2 / 1,000 jumps**
- Fielding:
  - ~85% fielded, AAO of 43,706
  - All COMPO 1 fielded
  - Currently fielding and training 421st QM, 165th QM, and 861st QM through FY 14

Using the T-11 results in 43% fewer injuries than the T-10

Dr. Joseph J. Knapik, US Army Institute of Public Health Institute-

COMPARISON OF INJURY INCIDENCE BETWEEN THE T-11 ADVANCED TACTICAL PARACHUTE SYSTEM AND THE T-10D PARACHUTE, FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, JUNE 2010-NOVEMBER 2013

Lifecycle Evaluation

- Evaluating existing 12-yr service life and 16.5-yr age life of static line parachutes
  - Validate robust parachute design, and durability of textiles/hardware, rather than maintain the legacy static line parachute standard
  - Evaluation will take place over several years
    - Based upon air permeability measurements and tensile strength of suspension lines

- Completed baseline RI ARNG, 1/507th PIR, 4th QM, & 10th SFG (A)
  - Making arrangements w/ 5th SFG (A)
  - Seeking unit w/ premeditated water jumps
    - Requires unit to track jump conditions and maintenance for 20 main canopies throughout evaluation
    - PM SCIE will perform on-site evaluation of those 20 canopies

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